

Docket No. 94100411(EP)USC1X1C1C1 PDDD
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REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 8, 2005. Claims 1-41 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4 are allowed. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5, 7, 10-31, 22-25, and 37-39 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Acampora, et. al, (US Patent # 5,168,356); the Examiner also rejected claims 6 and 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Acampora, in view of Ackland, et. al, (US Patent #5,220,325); the Examiner also rejected claims 32, 36, 40, and 41 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Acampora, in view of Galbi et. al, (US Patent #5,870,497)

Applicant has amended claims 5, 16, 20, 26 and 29. Applicant has cancelled claims 13-15. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5, 7, 10-31, 22-25, and 37-39 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Acampora, et. al, (US Patent # 5,168,356). Applicant has amended independent claims 5, 16, 20, 26 and 29. Independent claims 5, 16, 20, 26, 29 and their respective dependant claims now conform to the scope of the allowed claims. The prior rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) are now moot.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 6 and 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Acampora, in view of Ackland, et. al, (US Patent #5,220,325);

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the Examiner also rejected claims 32, 36, 40, and 41 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Acampora, in view of Galbi et. al, (US Patent #5,870,497). Applicant has amended independent claims 5, 16, 20, 26 and 29. Independent claims 5, 16, 20, 26, 29 and their respective dependant claims now conform to the scope of the allowed claims. The prior rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are now moot.

Therefore, Applicant believes that independent claims 5, 16, 20, 26, 29 and their respective dependent claims are distinguishable over the cited prior art references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and § 103(a) be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks made above, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any required fees associated with this Communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1175.

Respectfully submitted,

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